CHAPTER 7

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

SENATE BILL 22-017

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION THAT A LOAD OF FLUID MILK PRODUCTS HAULED BY A VEHICLE IS NOT A DIVISIBLE LOAD UNDER THE VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS PERMITTED BY LAW.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

- (a) In 2015, the United States Congress passed the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act", Pub.L. 114-94, also known as the "FAST Act";
- (b) The "FAST Act" includes a provision in 23 U.S.C. sec. 127 (a)(13) that reads "A vehicle carrying fluid milk products shall be considered a load that cannot be easily dismantled or divided [nondivisible].";
- (c) Congress designated fluid milk as a nondivisible load because milk drivers must pick up the entire stock of milk that a dairy farm produces every day and deliver it to the dairy;
- (d) The Colorado department of transportation promulgated a rule to conform with the provision in the "FAST Act", but the rule was inconsistent with and narrower than the provision; and
- (e) With respect to the provision in the "FAST Act", this act merely harmonizes Colorado law with the "FAST Act".

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-510, **add** (1)(d) as follows:

42-4-510. Permits for excess size and weight and for manufactured homes - rules - definitions. (1) (d) For the purposes of this section, section 42-4-511, and any rule promulgated under this section or section 42-4-511, a load of fluid milk products carried by a vehicle is deemed to not be a divisible load.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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